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Scottish Borders Council HQ
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Philip Gormley QPM
Chief Constable

Local Area Commander
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Dear Madam,

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 - EXTENDED HOURS APPLICATION

LICENCE NO: SB/PREM/197

PREMISES: SELKIRK CONSERVATIVE CLUB, ETRICK TERRACE, SELKIRK, TD7 4LE.

APPLICANT: MARTIN SCOTT ON BEHALF OF SELKIRK CONSERVATIVE CLUB

I refer to the above premises and an application for extended hours to be granted on Saturday 8th July 2017 and in terms of Section 69(2) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make the following objection.

The premise is a members club and currently holds a premises licence allowing the sale of alcohol between 11:00 to 23:00 Monday to Wednesday, 11:00 to 01:00 Thursday to Saturday and 12:30 to 23:00 on Sundays.

The applicant has applied for a three hour extension, from 08:00 to 11:00 hours on Saturday 8th July 2017. The application then refers to 'normal Saturday licensing hours will then come into effect'.

Section 68(1)(b) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 allows applications for extended hours to be granted if the Licensing Board consider it appropriate to do so in connection with a special event or occasion to be catered for on the premises or a special event of local or national significance.

The applicant has indicated that the extended hours requested are required to facilitate the showing of the British Lions Tour of New Zealand.

The premise does not appear to be affiliated to any rugby club and the premises would open with no restriction, allowing members and bone fide guests to attend and consume alcohol for any purpose.

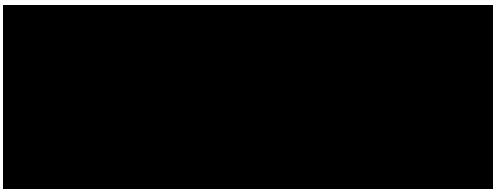
If granted, the commencement hour would increase the core hours from 14 to 17 hours that day, which would be out with the guidelines contained within the Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy 2013-2016, paragraph 7.3, which states "As far as on sale hours are concerned, the Board will not normally grant applications for more than 14 hours in any 24 hour period. Where there is no significant entertainment and alcohol consumption is the principal activity, hours should not extend beyond 12.00midnight Sunday to Wednesday and 1.00am Thursday to Saturday, with a commencement time of 11.00am seven days a week".

If the extended hours applied for are granted, Police Scotland are of the opinion that this would set a precedent, which other licensed premises in Scottish Borders would be likely to seek to replicate.

Any extension to the operating hours for the applicant premises, or any other premises enjoying similar licensed hours, will increase the likelihood of over consumption that often ends with crime and disorder.

For these reasons, and in terms of Section 69(2) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I object to the application for the purposes of the preventing crime and disorder, securing public safety, preventing public nuisance and protecting and improving public health licensing objectives.

Yours faithfully

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Philip Gormley QPM
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